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your own judgements about whether advancement of this bill is necessary to achieve that purpose. We're still some way from the end of the session. Usually if something needs to be done, we have found a way to do it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. I have...I think that's enough answer for me. I...actually I believe the way I'd understand the way the process is going to work, a bracket is...until May 1st is superfluous. We may end up being the 20th of May before we'd get to this at Final Reading. I am not certain, but I would want to make the best guess at this point, that we would like to have a bill out there perhaps at that time, simply to react to the federal level, making the issue of a...the adjustment a side issue. And so I really don't see what a bracket at this point till May 1st accomplishes. I think a vote against the bracket, let the bill sit on Final and it'll be there in the form...at least in form. I'd...I don't believe that I'll be able to support an income tax cut, but we may want to react to what, perhaps...turn out at the federal level, and at this point we don't know.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Smith, you're recognized to close on your motion to bracket LB 277.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I realize that there may be varying opinions as to the statement that we're sending on this bill...or on this motion, excuse me. And I believe that we can either wait and cast a more informed vote on Select File, or we can do it now and then have to change votes later, or other issues come into play. And I think that if we simply wait, if information comes back favorable, we can deal with it accordingly. If it comes back negative, we can deal with it accordingly as well. So I think that with more information we can make a more informed decision. And with that, I hope you support the bracket motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Smith. The question is, shall LB 277 be bracketed until May 1? Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.